

# Top of Iowa

## Northwood



Worth County  
I-35 northbound and southbound  
at milepost 214  
Completed: June 1998

While this rest area is not one of the “new generation” buildings, it is the first replacement rest area building in Iowa. It is unique because of its barn shape, as well as being constructed through a public/private partnership.

Inside, the lower level serves as a rest area with restrooms, vending machines, telephones, weather information, and other services found in Iowa’s rest areas.

On the upper level is the barn boutique gift shop offering an array of Iowa-made products. In addition, visitors can find an information kiosk, tourism materials, a volunteer-staffed welcome center and offices. The upper level can be reached by an elevator housed in the silo or an open stairway in the center of the building.

